

**Treasure Chest**  
**The ABC Center and Beyond**  
**ABC Center Alphabet Activities**

The following games are CIRCLE-recommended alphabet activities. Try them in your classroom!

**Activity 1 - Letter Bottles**

- Collect clear plastic milk bottles.
- Write an upper- and lowercase letter on the bottle.
- Fill the bottle about three quarters of the way with rice.
- Find several small objects that begin with the letter on the outside of the bottle and place them inside the bottle.
- Seal the bottle with tape. (Seal it well!)
- Children will shake and turn the bottle to discover the objects that begin with that letter.
- A writing connection can be made too, if children are provided with paper to draw or write about the things they see in the bottle.

**Activity 2 - Interactive Environmental Print Book**

- Make a cover for the book, titled "Our Environmental Print Book."
- Write upper- and lowercase letters on the top of each page (A-Z).
- Laminate and bind the book.
- Place several Velcro® dots on each page.
- Put environmental print labels (with Velcro® on the back) in a basket.
- Children take a label and place it on the page in the book with the first letter on the label.

**Activity 3 - I Know an Old Lady**

This activity can be used as a follow-up to the book and song, "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly."

- Make or use an old lady puppet.
- Have the old lady swallow letters instead of animals.
- Sing: "I know an old lady who swallowed an *m*. What did she say when she swallowed the *m*?"
- Let the children make the /m/ sound and suggest objects that she could eat that begin with that sound.

**Activity 4 - Color Word Match**

- Write the title of the activity on the outside of a file folder.
- Glue six colored squares on the inside of the folder (three on each side).
- Place a Velcro® dot beside each colored square.

- Write the words of different colors on sentence strips.
- Children will match the color word to the correct color using the beginning sound/letter as a clue.